

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-19, and 21-30 are pending. The state of the claims as pending are as amended after the entry of the Examiner's Amendment. Claims 3, 9, and 20 were previously cancelled per Examiners' Amendment. Claims 1, 8, and 19 were previously amended per Examiners' Amendment. Claims 1, 2, 14, and 16-18 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced.

In the September 8, 2005 Notice of Allowance, the Examiner allowed claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-19, and 21-30. In reviewing the allowed claims, Applicants found that claims 1 and 2 contain antecedent basis errors. Applicants have corrected these errors by amending claims 1 and 2. Applicants have also amended independent claims 14, and 16-18 for reasons of form.

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Applicants believe the application is still in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the minor amendments to claims 1, 2, and 14 be entered. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for continued allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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